

CHAPTER XCIII.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CLERKS AND REGISTERS OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE AND KEEP INDEXES AND CROSS-INDEXES OF THE NAMES OF ALL PARTIES TO SUITS, DEEDS AND OTHER CONVEYANCES, FILED AND REGISTERED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact,* The clerks of all courts of record in this state, now established, or which may hereafter be established, and all registers of deeds, shall provide and keep in their respective offices full and complete alphabetical indexes of the names of the parties to all judgments, liens, grants, deeds, mortgages, bonds and other conveyances, heretofore and hereafter recorded or registered in their respective offices; said indexes shall be kept in well-bound books, and shall state in full the names of all the parties, whether plaintiffs or defendants, grantors, grantees, vendors, vendees, obligors, or obligees, and shall be indexed and cross-indexed, so as to show the name of each party under the appropriate letter of the alphabet; and reference shall be made opposite each name to the page title, or number of the book, in which is entered, docketed, or registered any such judgment, lien, deed, bond, conveyance, or other instrument; but this section shall not be construed to apply to any judgments which are now satisfied and discharged.

Clerks and registers to keep indexes.

SEC. 2. Any clerk or register of deeds failing to comply with the provisions of this act, by the first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, shall, upon conviction therefor, in the superior court, be fined not less than fifty, nor more than one hundred dollars, for each offence.

Penalty for failure.

SEC. 3. The commissioners of the several counties, or the county authorities, established by law, shall fix the compensation to be made to the said clerks and registers of deeds for the performance of the duties required by

Compensation.